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Larry Uteck. Saint Mary's University football team honours former coach who died of ALS

KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE

For the Saint Mary's University football Huskies, accepting the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge was an easy call to answer, but their response to the infamous fund-raiser had to be special.

"I just gave everyone the same reply — we're planning something big," head coach Perry Marchese said Tuesday of players and staff receiving nominations, but patiently preparing for the pre-season activity that brought them together last Tuesday inside Huskies Stadium in Halifax.

Marchese and more than 40 players gathered in the end zone to form the initials "LU," each holding a bucket of ice water, completing the chilly challenge in the name of former SMU head coach Larry Uteck. "We wanted it to be memorable," Marchese said, and "not just an off-the-cuff couple of dumps."

Uteck lost his life to amyot-



metro AR Huskies' head coach Perry Marchese. Use the Metro News app to see of video of the Huskies' ALS challenge. METRO

coached by Uteck, including Marchese, who called him "a leader" and "a legend."

Uteck was also a husband, to Sue Uteck, and father, to son Luke and daughter Cain.

For Sue, the Huskies tribute is larger than Larry, bringing together the football community and spreading knowledge of an often-misunderstood illness. "When ALS starts to take a person's voice, people assume they've been drinking," she said of the fatal neurodegenerative disease. "When in fact, it's tongue muscle."

A former city councillor and deputy mayor herself, Sue took the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge after the beach volleyball finals Sunday at SandJam 2014. Huskies football players helped fill the buckets. Sue now works as accessible business co-ordinator for the March of Dimes. She said much of the cash collected through the challenge, including \$350,000 in this province alone, goes towards adaptive equipment for families that can't afford the costs.

It has been "tough" to remember Larry's struggle, but Sue said raising awareness through his legacy and others who have suffered from ALS is evidence that "hope is on the horizon."



Sue Uteck holds a photo of her late husband, Larry Uteck, outside her home in south-end Halifax on Tuesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO



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FIVE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW TODAY

1 AT LAST

Irving Shipbuilding is holding a ceremony Wednesday to mark the final piece being installed in the site's new assembly and ultra hall production building.

2 SAFETY FIRST

N.S. RCMP are holding a Twitter chat from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday to talk about back-to-school safety. You can follow along at #NSMountieTalk, @RCMPNS or @GRCNE.

3 2,000 AND LATE

Don't look now, but your smartphone is obsolete. Samsung's Galaxy Note 4 debuts today, with unveilings in New York, Berlin and Beijing. iPhone 6 comes next week.

4 PUPPY KICKER

Remember that catering-company CEO who appeared to be kicking and yanking a puppy on camera? Desmond Hague of Centerplate Inc.? Yeah, he resigned on Tuesday.

5 DOLL = CREEPY?

For those young (and scary) at heart, Mezco Toyz will soon market a version of Annabelle, the terrifying doll in the 2013 horror movie *The Conjuring*, that's set to return in a sequel.

Man accused in activist's beating death fires lawyer

Court. Andre Noel Denny was to begin his murder trial Tuesday

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The Cape Breton man accused in the death of Halifax gay-rights activist Raymond Taavel was allowed to fire his lawyer on the day his murder trial was set to begin, even if the decision was "not in his best interests," a judge said.

On Tuesday, 35-year-old Andre Noel Denny appeared before Judge Peter Rosinski in Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Halifax and said he did not want Donald Murray as a lawyer because he was "no longer trustworthy."

"He's very angry at me and I'm very angry at him, and it will never be resolved," said Denny, dressed in a black sweater, orange sneakers and holding an eagle feather.

Murray has represented

Denny since August 2012. A previous request was made to fire him, but it was eventually taken back.

Denny, from Membertou, was set to begin his second-degree murder trial in Taavel's death on Tuesday.

Denny made various remarks about the night Taavel died outside the Menz Bar on Gottingen Street in the spring of 2012 to Rosinski, which the judge attempted to stop. Rosinski told Denny he should not say anything more until the trial.

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"It's his choice to decide who will be his lawyer."

Judge Peter Rosinski

Rosinski told the court Murray had asked to be removed as Denny's counsel because their lawyer-client relationship was "irretrievably broken."

Although Rosinski said he was reluctant to grant the request because "a

great deal" of resources had gone into preparing for the eight-week trial, he allowed Murray to be removed from the case after an in-camera hearing.

When court resumed, Rosinski said Denny's father, Lawrence Paul, had spoken in favour of Murray remaining Denny's lawyer but Denny remained "adamant" that he wanted new legal counsel.

"As a parent, Mr. Paul worried Mr. Denny was not making the best choices for himself," Rosinski said, but he added Denny has been declared fit to stand trial so no one could interfere with his decisions, "even if those decisions made by him are not in his best interests."

Rosinski adjourned the trial and Denny will next appear on Sept. 25 to present a new lawyer.

Crown attorney Darrell Martin said a new trial will likely not begin until next year, as Denny's new lawyer would need time to go over the case files, but it depends on who is chosen to represent him.



Andre Noel Denny leaves Halifax provincial court in 2013. Denny fired his lawyer, Donald Murray, on Tuesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO FILE

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Woody? Kentville firefighters try to save wounded woodpecker

"No job's too small," a Kentville firefighter said as crews attempted to rescue a wounded woodpecker Tuesday in the town. A car struck the piliated woodpecker, which witnesses say was flying low across the road, and the injured bird had to be helped to the sidewalk.

Despite leaving blood on the car's headlight, the animal hopped up a tree.

After a department of natural resources employee stopped the car, the fire department was called. Staff at a nearby TD Bank provided a box in the hopes the



The woodpecker. KING'S COUNTY REGISTER

bird could be rescued.

However, once a firefighter climbed a ladder to retrieve the stunned-looking woodpecker, the bird took off and flew to another tree. The rescue effort was abandoned.

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Early morning. Man punched and robbed on Halifax Common: Cops

Police are looking for two suspects after a mugging on the Halifax Common.

According to Halifax Regional Police, a 52-year-old man was walking across the Common at 5:30 a.m. Tuesday when two men walked up behind him.

They didn't say anything, but punched him several times before leaving on foot with the man's wallet, police said. The suspects are described only as white men in their 20s, one wearing jeans and the other a red hoodie and shorts. METRO

Kings County. Man, 25, killed in head-on crash on Highway 358, police say

Police in Nova Scotia are investigating a fatal crash that has left a 25-year-old man dead.

The RCMP in Kings County say the head-on crash between a pick-up truck and car happened around 5:45 p.m. Tuesday on Highway 358 in the area of Arlington and North Corner.

The driver of the sedan was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the pick-up truck wasn't injured, a police release states.

Highway 358 was expected to close in both directions for several hours as police continued their investigation into the fatal collision.

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Clean Foundation

Fund to promote fuel efficiency

The Nova Scotia government is giving about \$27,000 to an environmental group to promote the use of alternative-fuel vehicles by municipalities.

Energy Minister Andrew Younger says the Clean Foundation will work with two municipalities to help them take advantage of new, fuel-efficient technologies in their fleets.

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Truro area

Drivers charged with stunting

Traffic enforcement during the long weekend in the Truro area resulted in a total of 28 speeding tickets being issued, two of which were for stunting.

Stunting charges were issued for speeds exceeding 160 kilometres per hour. If convicted, the drivers, whose licences were suspended for seven days, face minimum fines of nearly \$2,500.

TRURO DAILY NEWS

Driver facing charge.

Thousands left in dark when service affected by two crashes



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Thousands of people in Halifax lost their power overnight Tuesday after police say a 19-year-old university student who was driving impaired struck not one, but two power poles. Police say the first accident happened on Beaufort Avenue toward Oxford Street, with the vehicle hitting the power pole, causing some damage to it. The vehicle then kept on

going, police say, striking a second power pole at the intersection of Oxford and South.

Police say the vehicle then stopped on a sidewalk by the intersection.

The six people inside the vehicle left, but were found a short distance away and checked over by paramedics. No one was seriously injured.

The 19-year-old Halifax man driving the vehicle, who police say is going to university in the city, has been charged with impaired driving and will appear in court at a later date.

"They were extremely lucky not to be more injured," said Halifax Regional Police Const. Pierre Bourdages, who said the driver was above the legal limit for alcohol, but not



Nova Scotia Power crews working on the damaged power lines on Tuesday morning. JEFF HARPER/METRO

double the limit.

"The best thing to do is plan," he added. "Don't drive impaired. There are disastrous consequences as a result of it."

Nova Scotia Power was called to fix the damaged poles, with some people remaining without power until late in the morning.



Murder case suspect due back in court next month

The man charged in the 10-year-old murder case of Kevin Browster is back in the city and has appeared before a judge in Halifax. Shilo Marcino Beals of Cherry Brook, shown here at provincial court on Tuesday, was arrested last week in Ontario on a Canada-wide warrant for first-degree murder in the killing of Browster, who was shot and killed on July 10, 2004, in front of 5446 Uniacke St. He has been remanded and is due back in court next month.

Impaired student drives into power poles: Police

More than just monkey bars and teeter-totters

'Two thumbs up.'

Modern, accessible playground at Halifax-area school is a culmination of community effort

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There was a forest of little arms waving when parent Amy McEvoy asked the crowd at Ecole Grosvenor Wentworth Park School for a few volunteers to cut the ribbon on the new playground Tuesday.

And once that "ribbon" — a chain made of construction paper links — was cut, there was a stampede of squealing kids to the bright orange monkey bars, the layered climbing platforms and shiny new slides.

"I give it two thumbs up and a 'great!'" hollered one boy named Ryker, barely pausing as he bounded from the highly popular "spinning thing" to the equally popular rope-climbing apparatus.

The playground is the culmination of three years of fundraising by a committee of parents who raised more than \$180,000 from private donations and government grants to transform a large, empty grassy space.

"The big message for the children today: If you set your mind to do something, you can really accomplish it," said area MLA Diana Whalen during the brief grand opening ceremony.

The end result, designed



Kids test out the new playground at Ecole Grosvenor-Wentworth Park School on Tuesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

and built by Nova Scotia's own Timbertec, is a playground structure that kids can run over, swing from, climb up or rest under.

McEvoy, who co-chaired the fundraising committee, said it's also fully accessible to children with a wide range of mobilities and abilities. Metal slides mean no static charges to short out cochlear implant transmitters, and brightly coloured, tactile "play panels" will appeal to children with autism spectrum or sensory

From dream to reality

"It's kind of surreal, to see it finally here. We've been waiting for it for a long time."

Amy McEvoy, co-chair, playground fundraising committee

processing disorders.

"There's a lot of science, a lot of thought, a lot of careful consideration," said McEvoy.

Construction on the playground was completed in early August, and McEvoy said it's already become a focal point

not only for the school, but for the entire community.

"We were here at seven o'clock after dinner one night," she said. "We walked over, and there's got to be eight families here. I'm like: 'When has this ever happened?'"



1042 and 1050 Wellington St. in Halifax. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Twin-tower condo proposal heading to public meeting

The city will host a public meeting Wednesday on a proposed twin-tower condominium project for Halifax's south end.

Dino Capital Ltd. is asking the municipality to amend existing planning regulations to allow the construction of a condo building with two towers of eight and 10 storeys that would contain 142 units on Wellington Street.

The development plans have been revised since September 2013, when Coun.

Wayne Mason urged council not to approve the request to amend planning regulations for seven- and nine-storey towers atop a three-storey "podium." At the time, Mason expressed concern about putting high-density highrise buildings in the middle of a low-rise, residential neighbourhood. Council eventually voted to send the proposal to a public hearing, with several councillors noting that the developer could build multiple buildings of even

Time and place

The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. at the St. Mary's Boat Club.

higher density on the site.

The developer notes in the design rationale that taller buildings can "be either a positive or negative force," depending on design and location. HALEY RYAN/METRO

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Bieber's lawyer points finger at paparazzi

Pop star arrested Friday near Stratford.
Artist charged with dangerous driving and assault after a collision

Justin Bieber's camp is pointing a finger of blame at the paparazzi for the Canadian pop star's latest run-in with the law in Canada.

Ontario Provincial Police said Bieber, 20, was arrested Friday and charged with dangerous driving and assault following a collision between a minivan and an ATV in a rural area northeast of Bieber's hometown of Stratford.

The driver of the ATV and an occupant of the minivan "engaged in a physical altercation," according to police.

Const. Kees Wijnands would not say whether Bieber was driving the ATV, but pictures posted online show the star and on-and-off girlfriend Selena Gomez riding on an ATV on Friday.

Wijnands said there were no injuries as a result of the collision, but couldn't say whether there were any injuries from the altercation.

"He attended our office and he was arrested," Wijnands said. Bieber was then released on a promise to appear in court Sept. 29.

In a statement emailed to The Canadian Press, Bieber's lawyer in Toronto indicated the paparazzi were involved but provided no details.

"Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez's peaceful retreat in Stratford this weekend was unfortunately disrupted by the unwelcome presence of the paparazzi," said Brian Greenspan.



This Jan. 23, 2014, file photo made available by the Miami Beach Police Dept., shows Justin Bieber at the police station in Miami Beach, Fla. MIAMI BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Quoted

"Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez's peaceful retreat in Stratford this weekend was unfortunately disrupted by the unwelcome presence of the paparazzi."

Brian Greenspan, Bieber's lawyer in Toronto

"This has regrettably resulted in charges of dangerous driving and assault. Mr. Bieber and Ms. Gomez have fully co-operated in the police investigation. We are hopeful that this matter will be quickly resolved."

Just a few days before the incident, Bieber's car was

hit from behind by a vehicle driven by a photographer in Hollywood and the Grammy Award-nominated singer tweeted: "There should be laws against what I just experienced. We should have learned from the death of Princess Diana ..."

He then tweeted: "... I

don't have a problem with Paparazzi but when they act recklessly they put us all in danger."

This is Bieber's second brush with the law in Canada.

Early this year Toronto police charged him with assault, alleging he hit a driver several times in the back of the head after he and five others were picked up by a limousine in the early hours of Dec. 30.

There is a court hearing in that case scheduled for Sept. 8, but Greenspan said Bieber won't attend.

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Dethroned beauty queen wants apology, holds crown ransom

A dethroned 16-year-old beauty queen from Myanmar said Tuesday she won't return her bejeweled \$100,000 crown until pageant organizers apologize for calling her a liar and a thief.

May Myat Noe — the country's first winner of an international beauty contest — lashed back at her accusers at a tightly packed news

conference.

She said representatives of the Miss Asia Pacific World pageant lied about her age — saying she was 18 instead of 16 — and tried to pressure her into getting plastic surgery "from head to toe."

Noe denied having breast implants as claimed by David Kim, director of media

for the South Korean-based pageant. He said the surgery was provided free of charge, part of efforts to boost the teen into super-stardom.

Kim said Noe was stripped of her title last week because she was dishonest and unappreciative and that she ran off with her tiara after learning of the decision.

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May Myat Noe, Myanmar's first international beauty queen, winner of the 2014 Miss Asia Pacific World.
GEMunu AMARASINGHE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Juvenile detention centre in Nashville. 32 teens slip under fence, 9 still at large

Thirty-two teens escaped from a Nashville youth detention centre by crawling under a weak spot in a fence late Monday, and nine were still on the run Tuesday, a spokesman said.

The teens — ages 14 to 19 — left their rooms at about 11 p.m. Monday night and "overwhelmed" the staff in a common area, Tennessee Department of Children's Services spokesman Rob Johnson said. "Staffing was lighter during the overnight hours, so presumably they had planned for that."

The group then kicked out a metal panel under a window to get into a yard, and ran for a chain-link fence. The fence is buried 20 centimetres deep into the ground, but the teens managed to pull up a weak portion and

slip out underneath it. Staff alerted police once they saw them escaping, he said.

Two were captured immediately and others were found overnight. Some were found by authorities, others turned themselves in, and still others were turned in by their families, he said.

None of the 16 to 18 staff members on duty were hurt, officials said. Police were still searching for nine of the teens on Tuesday, while the other 23 were taken to juvenile court and could face escape charges, officials said.

Most of the 78 detainees had committed at least three felonies, Johnson said, but the facility is more like a high school with security than an adult prison. There are no guard towers or barbed wire.

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Police work in front of the Woodland Hills Youth Development Center Tuesday in Nashville, Tenn. MARK HUMPHREY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Accidental death

Girl who shot instructor with Uzi said gun was too much for her

A nine-year-old girl who accidentally killed an instructor with an Uzi at a shooting range said immediately after the shooting that she felt the gun was too much for her and had hurt her shoulder, according to police reports released Tuesday.

Her family members were focused on the girl because they thought she was injured by the gun's recoil and didn't immediately realize instructor Charles Vacca had been shot until one of his colleagues ran over to him.

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Buttocks injection case

U.S. woman gets lifetime prison sentence

A Mississippi woman convicted of killing a Georgia woman through illicit silicone buttocks injections has been sentenced to life in prison.

Tracey Lynn Garner of Jackson, Miss., was sentenced Tuesday in a county court.

Garner was convicted Friday of depraved-heart murder and conspiracy to commit wire fraud. She was sentenced to five years on the wire-fraud charge.

Garner was charged in the death of Karima Gordon, who prosecutors say was lured to Jackson by Garner to perform the injections.

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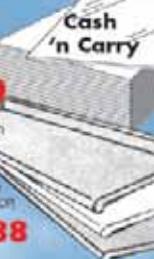
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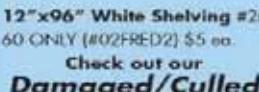
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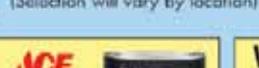
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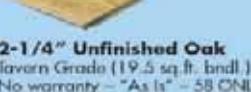
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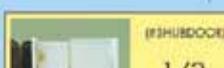


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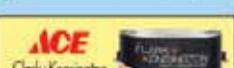


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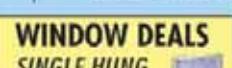
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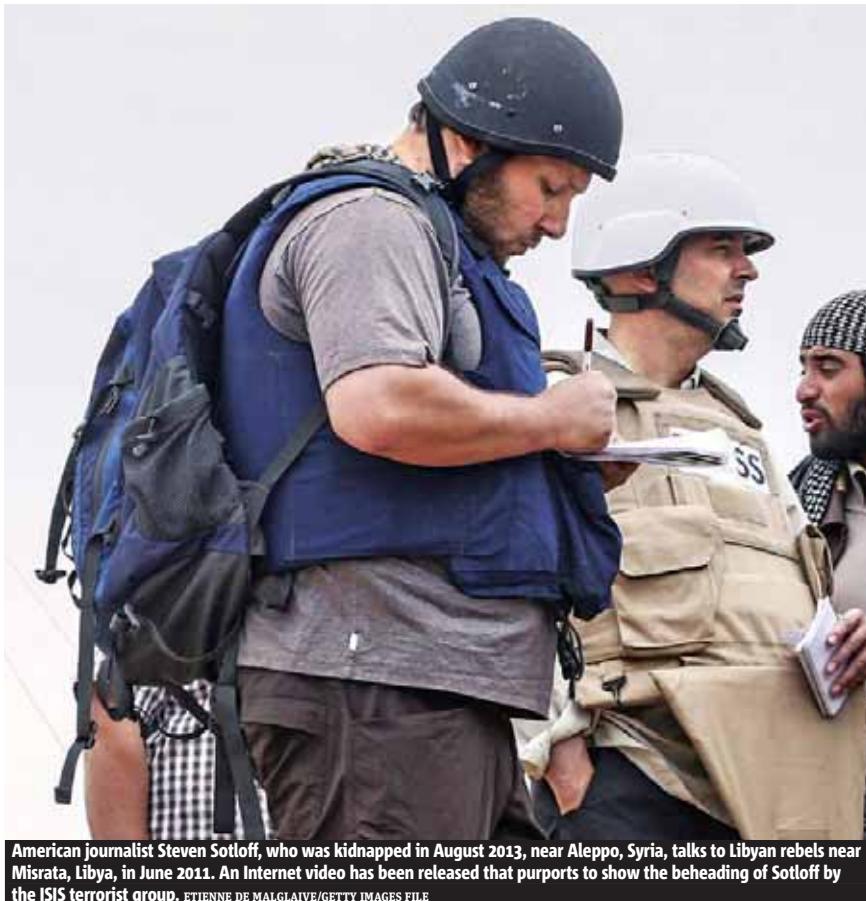
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American journalist Steven Sotloff, who was kidnapped in August 2013, near Aleppo, Syria, talks to Libyan rebels near Misrata, Libya, in June 2011. An Internet video has been released that purports to show the beheading of Sotloff by the ISIS terrorist group. ETIENNE DE MALGLAIVE/GETTY IMAGES FILE

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Video appears to show second U.S. journalist beheaded by ISIS

'A Second Message to America.' Terrorist group says murder of Steven Sotloff is retribution for continued U.S. airstrikes

Extremists from the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) group released a video Tuesday purportedly showing the beheading of a second American journalist, Steven Sotloff, and warning U.S. President Barack Obama that as long as American airstrikes against the militants continue, "our knife will continue to strike the necks of your people."

The footage — depicting what the U.S. called a sickening act of brutality — was posted two weeks after the release of a video showing the killing of James Foley and just days

after Sotloff's mother pleaded for his life. Barak Barfi, a spokesman for the family, said that the Sotloffs had seen the video but that authorities have not established its authenticity.

Sotloff vanished in Syria in August 2013 and was not seen until he appeared in a video released last month that showed Foley's beheading. Dressed in an orange jumpsuit, Sotloff was threatened in that video with death unless the United States stopped airstrikes on ISIS.

In the video distributed Tuesday titled *A Second Message to America*, Sotloff appears in a similar jumpsuit before he is apparently beheaded by a fighter with ISIS, the extremist group that has conquered wide swaths of territory across Syria and Iraq and declared itself a caliphate.

The fighter who apparently

beheads Sotloff in the video calls it retribution for Obama's continued attacks.

"I'm back, Obama, and I'm back because of your arrogant foreign policy toward the Islamic State ... despite our serious warnings," the fighter says. "So just as your missiles continue to strike our people, our knife will continue to strike the necks of your people."

In the video, the organization threatens to kill another hostage, this one identified as British citizen David Cawthorne Haines. It was not immediately clear who Haines was.

Britain and France called the killing "barbaric." In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said U.S. intelligence analysts will work as quickly as possible to determine if the video is authentic. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Ukrainian military routed amid tough talk from Russia

The Ukrainian soldiers were an easy target as they launched a desperate run to safety. Pounded by a gauntlet of rocket shells, blown up in their vehicles, they died by the dozens.

In fields around the eastern Ukrainian village of Novokaterynivka, more than 30 army vehicles lay charred and pulverized into twisted piles of metal Tuesday — the result of a devastating weekend ambush by separatist forces.

The rout marked a major intensification in the separatists' offensive in eastern Ukraine — one that the government in Kyiv, NATO and the U.S. say has been sustained by Russia's direct military support.

Moscow's aggressive stance toward Ukraine has come in both words and deeds of late, fuelled by attacks like those in Novokaterynivka as well as a leaked report that EU Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso said Vladimir Putin told him Russia could take over Kyiv "in two weeks" if it wished.

The separatists, after having a month of setbacks in



Pro-Russian rebels pass by destroyed Ukrainian military vehicles near the village of Novokaterynivka, Ukraine, on Tuesday. Ukrainian troops have over the past week suffered major military losses, losing large swathes of territory and having hundreds of soldiers captured. SERGEI GRITS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

which government troops regained territory, have been inordinately successful in the last 10 days just as columns of Russian tanks and armoured vehicles have been seen crossing the border. U.S. President Barack Obama and other NATO leaders will be attending a summit in Wales on Thursday

to create a rapid-response military team to counter the Russian threat.

Yuri Ushakov, Putin's foreign policy adviser, told reporters that the Russian leader's statement on Kyiv was "taken out of context and carried a completely different meaning."

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New York attorney general. Evans Bank avoided giving loans to African-Americans

A bank purposely avoided giving mortgages to African-Americans by locating all of its branches outside black neighbourhoods and directing advertising and loan products toward largely white communities, New York's attorney general said in a lawsuit filed Tuesday as part of a wider investigation into an illegal practice known as redlining.

Evans Bank is accused in the federal civil complaint of violating federal, state and local housing and discrimination laws, Attorney General Eric Schneiderman said at a news conference in Buffalo.

The bank's practice of not making home improvement loans and mortgages available in Buffalo's east side, home to more than 75 per cent of the city's African-American population, perpetuated racial segregation and the decline of the city's housing stock, the lawsuit alleges.

"This is a problem we thought we put behind us a couple of decades ago," said Schneiderman, who was joined

Map

The lawsuit included a map of Buffalo that Evans used to define its lending area.

- The area, as well as the locations of its branches and ATMs, forms nearly a complete ring, broken only by the Lake Erie shoreline, around the city's predominantly black east side.

at the news conference by more than a dozen representatives from civic organizations, including the NAACP, New York Civil Liberties Union and Partnership for the Public Good.

Evans Bank is headquartered in the suburb of Hamburg and has 13 branches in western New York and US\$830 million in total assets.

The bank's president and chief executive called the accusations "meritless" and said Evans will vigorously defend itself. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

'Greenrush'

High demand for medical marijuana licences in Canada

The number of Canadian firms applying for lucrative medical marijuana licences has topped 1,000, as a so-called "greenrush" continues to overwhelm Health Canada. So far, only two new licences have been approved this summer, even as the department tightens the application rules.

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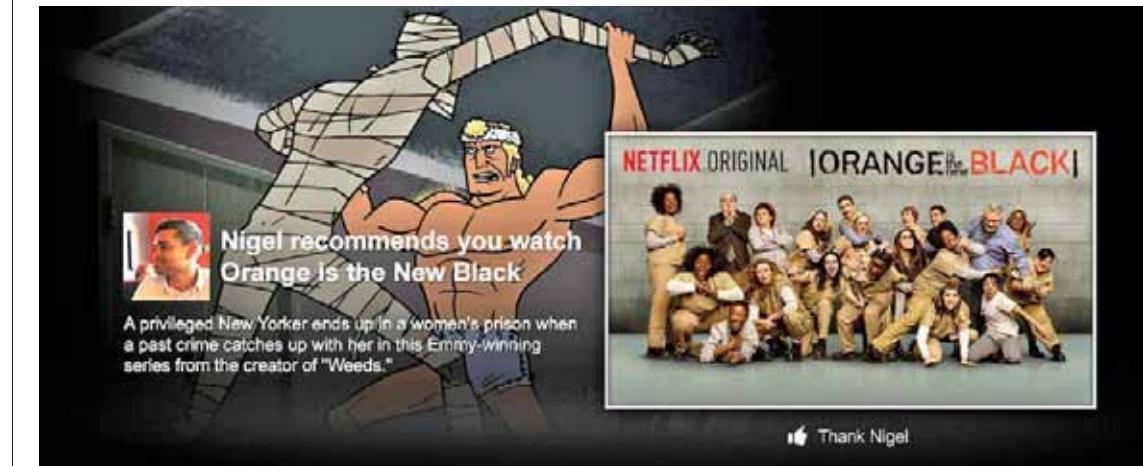
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Don't want everyone to know you just watched I Don't Know How She Does It for the sixth time?

This screenshot provided by Netflix shows what the viewer will see when subscribers recommend movies and TV shows to their Facebook friends. Until now, Netflix subscribers linking the service to their Facebook accounts automatically disclosed everything they were watching with a potentially wide-reaching range of people. The automatic disclosures ended Tuesday. A menu of friends culled from Facebook will appear after Netflix subscribers finish watching a video if they have turned on the sharing feature. **NETFLIX/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Plane passengers turn on each other

Packed in like sardines.

As everything from leg room to toilets shrink on planes, people are taking their anger out on fellow fliers

Squeezed into tighter and tighter spaces, airline passengers appear to be rebelling, taking their frustrations out on other fliers.

Three U.S. flights made unscheduled landings in the past

nine days after passengers got into fights over the ability to recline their seats. Disputes over a tiny bit of personal space might seem petty, but for passengers whose knees are already banging into tray tables, every inch counts.

To boost their profits, airlines have been adding more rows of seats to planes in the past few years.

Southwest and United both took away one inch from each row on certain jets to make room for six more seats. American is increasing the number of seats on its Boeing 737-

Losing elbow room, too

84%

Passengers aren't just losing leg room; they're losing elbow room.

Airlines in the U.S. sold 84 per cent of their seats on domestic flights so far this year, up from 81 per cent five years ago and 74 per cent a decade ago, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. That means there are fewer and fewer empty middle seats on which passengers can spread out.

800s from 150 to 160. Delta installed new, smaller toilets in its 737-900s, enabling it to

squeeze in an extra four seats. And to make room for a first-class cabin with lie-flat beds on its transcontinental flights, JetBlue cut one inch of leg room for coach passengers.

Airlines say passengers won't notice because the seats are being redesigned to create a sense of more space. Southwest's seats have thinner seatback magazine pockets, Alaska Airlines shrank the size of tray tables, and United moved the magazine pocket, getting it away from passengers' knees.

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HIPSTERS THAT ACTUALLY DESERVE THE HATE

What with celebrity selfies and Vladimir Putin, you probably didn't think the world could get much weirder.

That's because you don't know about nipsters.

Allow me to plug your knowledge gap.

Nipsters are Nazi hipsters. As Vladimir Putin is Nikita Khrushchev 2.0, so nipsters are an update on neo-Nazi skinheads. Instead of jack boots and swastika armbands, nipsters sport skinny jeans, coloured glasses, messenger tote bags and beards.

You can watch German nipsters doing the Harlem Shake on YouTube, flashing signs that encourage the viewer to have unprotected sex with Nazis, which sounds so ... unclean.

Other signs in the video deplore multiculturalism, so it's clear that the unreconstructed hearts of xenophobes continue beating to a goose-stepping rhythm, with a little hip hop thrown in to bring things up to date.



JUST SAYIN'
Paul Sullivan
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Nipsters also favour animal rights and support environmental causes. There's even a neo-neo-Nazi vegan cooking show featuring two guys in the kitchen wearing balaclavas.

Rolling Stone published the full lowdown on nipsters earlier this summer in an article titled Heil Hipster: The Young Neo-Nazis Trying to Put a Stylish Face on Hate.

It's mainly based on an interview with a founder of the movement, Patrick Schroeder. Everything's on-trend about Patrick. He has his own webcast where he blends pop culture into hate culture in a way that is supposed to appeal to mainstream right-wing lunatics. In fact, he says, "If the definition of the nipster is someone who can live in the mainstream, then I see it as the future of the movement." He dismisses North American neo-Nazis as dressed up for a costume party. No style.

Despite the user-friendly front, Schroeder's ideological observations are distinctly paleo. He calls Barack Obama Amer-

ica's "neger president" and tells Rolling Stone journalist Thomas Rogers that black people don't belong in Germany because it's "against nature. There's a reason we're not walking around in the sun, in Ghana, with our skin colour."

All this would be horribly amusing if it weren't for the fact that racism is on the rise in Europe. And in echoes of Nazi Germany, according to the European Agency for Fundamental Rights, up to 90 per cent of all hate crimes in the European Union go unreported because respondents are afraid of social ostracism. It's OK to spout nipster nonsense, but it's not OK to report it?

Nipsters aren't the only xenophobic fungus growing on European culture. Recent anti-Semitic riots in France and Germany, on the surface a response to the Israel-Gaza conflict, have an ugly undercurrent of racism.

It's quite the monster mash-up. Hate is an equal opportunity disease. Fortunately, an effective vaccine exists. Love is all you need, and by love we don't mean unprotected sex with a Nazi.

Bárðarbunga-bunga



In this aerial view, fountains of lava, up to 60 metres high, spurt from a fissure in the ground on the north side of the Bárðarbunga volcano in Iceland on Tuesday. STEFANO DI NICOLÒ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Icelandic volcano starts to chill out after eruption

Experts say the seismic activity near the Bárðarbunga volcano in Iceland is calming down as tall fountains of fire and lava continue to lick the air along a

volcanic fissure, producing a huge plume of steam and gas.

A massive white cloud some 4.5 kilometres tall was rising above the fissure eruption in the Holuhraun lava field north of the Dyngjujokull glacier on Tuesday. No ash fall has been detected.

Iceland's meteorological

agency said the lava eruption appears to be less active compared to the previous day.

Thousands of small earthquakes have rocked the region in recent days, leading to concerns that Bárðarbunga, which lies under a vast glacier, could erupt.

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By the numbers

300

The number of earthquakes in the area near the volcanic eruption on Tuesday. This is down from 500 on Monday.



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He's not happy about September, either



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Bad news, everybody. It's September — back to school for some of us, back to layers for all of us. So it's understandable that you might want to follow Benny the Bulldog's lead here and poke your head out of your long-weekend hole this morning and play peekaboo with pending autumn.

(Benny The Bulldog/YouTube)



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@MrsMiggins1969: All the politicians who cut funding to schools and a increase class sizes. Let's see if they still think it's a good idea.

@friesron: Rob Ford. #nufsaid



Dynamic duo Greenwood and Egoyan rock the movie screen

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Whether the script's about lap dancing or a kidnapped child, these two can be trusted to deliver movie magic



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Bruce Greenwood GETTY IMAGES

Bruce Greenwood first met director Atom Egoyan in a singles bar. "Atom was alone in the corner and I felt sorry for him," says Greenwood. "We were introduced by a mutual friend."

That was in the early 1990s, when Egoyan was on the brink of international acclaim as a director and Greenwood was a film and television star with a handful of movies and recurring roles on *St. Elsewhere* and *Knots Landing* under his belt.

Next was a small role in *Ararat*, Egoyan's story of a young man whose life is changed during the making of a film about the Armenian genocide, and then, in 2013, a cameo in *Devil's Knot*. Greenwood played a judge in Egoyan's retelling of the events leading up to the West Memphis Three murders and the "Satanic panic" that fuelled the hysteria surrounding the subsequent trial of teenagers Jessie Misskelley Jr., Damien Echols



Director Atom Egoyan's new psychological thriller, *The Captive*, centres around a child kidnapping. CONTRIBUTED

and Jason Baldwin.

These days Greenwood is best known for his work as Capt. Christopher Pike in the 2009 *Star Trek* film and its sequel, *Star Trek Into Darkness*, but he's not too busy in Hollywood — the Quebec-born actor has lived in Los Angeles since the late

1980s — to reteam with his Canadian cohort.

In Egoyan's new psychological thriller, *The Captive*, Greenwood joins stars Ryan Reynolds, Scott Speedman, Rosario Dawson and Mireille Enos in a story of a child kidnapping. Egoyan says he and Greenwood share a short-

hand that makes for easy work on set.

As for Greenwood, he says he trusts the director, "more than anyone I've ever worked with. He can ask me to do anything and if my initial instinct is 'Oh no,' it ends up being the right idea. He's a tremendous guy."

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Oscar-winning film editor Thelma Schoonmaker, who has worked hand-in-hand with director Martin Scorsese for over 40 years, was awarded the Golden Lion for Lifetime Achievement in Venice on Tuesday.

The 74-year-old American has edited some of the biggest selling and critically acclaimed movies of the past 30 years, from Goodfellas to Gangs of New York and The Wolf of Wall Street, and only works with Scorsese.

After winning Oscars for

Raging Bull, The Aviator and The Departed, Schoonmaker said she was honoured to be awarded the top Venice accolade — and to be the first film editing artist to receive it in the festival's history.

"I had started a six-week course at NYU (New York University) in editing when I first met Marty, and it changed my life," Schoonmaker told journalists at the world's oldest film festival ahead of the ceremony on Lido island in Italy's floating city. **APP**



Film editor Thelma Schoonmaker received a Golden Lion award for lifetime achievement Tuesday during the 71st Venice Film Festival. **GABRIEL BOUYS/APP**

Frances McDormand. Star of new miniseries feted

The Venice Film Festival has feted the career of Frances McDormand, the Oscar-winning actress of Fargo fame, ahead of the premiere of a new HBO miniseries she called the culmination of her life's work.

McDormand, who is married to director Joel Coen and has starred in several Coen brothers films including Fargo and Burn After Reading, was presented with the Visionary Talent Award for a career that began on Broadway in 1984.

The 57-year-old American told journalists ahead of the ceremony that she felt developing, producing and acting in the four-part miniseries **Ol-**

Quoted

"I think 90 minutes is not enough to tell a female story. I think four hours is enough, six hours is better, 10 hours, two years... Our stories are circular, complex and need more than 90 minutes." Frances McDormand



Frances McDormand, who produces and acts in *Olive Kitteridge*, received the Visionary Talent Award at the Venice Film Festival. **GABRIEL BOUYS/APP**

ive Kitteridge was "the culmination of everything that I have attempted to do."

McDormand plays a witty, acerbic math teacher in a New England town in a story that spans 25 years, based on a Pulitzer prize-winning collection of short stories by Elizabeth Strout, and directed by Lisa Cholodenko. Television has "allowed all of us to reinvent on our own terms what we want our professional lives to be," she said. "For a female elder, action roles in films are limited, but television opens up new possibilities." **APP**

Is Jack coming back?

Plans for 24 movie resurface

Following the finale of *24: Live Another Day*, the miniseries that stood in as the show's belated ninth season, producers have returned to the idea of bringing Jack Bauer's adventures to the big screen, TV Line reveals.

According to the website, 24 producer Brian Grazer has developed a pitch that he plans to present to 20th Century Fox. The studio, however, is said to be more interested in producing additional miniseries such as the one aired this summer. The idea of a movie on the counter-terrorist agent has been in discussion since the show ended its eighth season in May 2010. **APP**



Kiefer Sutherland stars in *24*. **GABRIEL BOUYS/APP**

Season 5

Downton Abbey trailer hints at romance, fire

ITV has unveiled the first trailer for the next season of *Downton Abbey*, which premieres Sept. 21 in the U.K.

The fifth season is poised to be an eventful one for the protagonists. In its new video, the British network hints at romance — as Lady Mary grows closer to Lord Grantham and the footman Jimmy Kent pursues his forbidden love affairs — as well as drama, as Lord Grantham fears that his grandson is about to be stolen from the family. There is also a shot that hints that a terrible fire may break out at the estate.

The new season, which is written once again by the show's creator Julian Fellowes, is set in 1924 and finds the family coping with reforms carried out by the first Labour government. **APP**



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George Clooney ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Years-old injury still bringing George pain

George Clooney is still feeling the effects of a back injury he suffered on the set of *Syriana* almost 10 years ago and recently visited a hospital in Dusseldorf, Germany, to address the ongoing pain, according to E! News. "George arrived at the clinic Friday morning and had a series of tests with the clinic's top neurosurgeon, Dr. Ralf Buhl," a source says. "Buhl specializes in non-invasive methods, which lessen the need for surgery." The injury is believed to have caused ongoing spinal cord problems and bad headaches. See? So it's not necessarily just the Daily Mail that's made him so grumpy lately.



Miley Cyrus

Miley still loves Liam Hemsworth (and weed)

Miley Cyrus may have broken off her engagement to Liam Hemsworth almost a year ago, but that doesn't mean she doesn't still have feelings for the Australian actor. "I love Liam. Liam loves me," she tells Australia's Sunday Night during an interview. Of course, she might just be saying that because she doesn't want to upset any Australians on their home turf.

On the more controversial topic of her open indulgence in drugs and alcohol, Cyrus gets a bit defensive: "I put pictures of me smoking weed, I'm not going to lie, on my Instagram," she says. "I don't promote it in my songs or whatever, but it's not like I'm sitting around telling a bunch of kids to do a bunch of drugs."

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The Word



'I do not have a perfect body,' says Charlize. Yeah, right.

 **NED EHRBAR**
Metro in Hollywood

We've been thinking a lot about famous women's bodies this week, obviously, so here's some food for thought to go with all that virtual ogling. Oscar winner Charlize Theron, generally regarded to be pretty darn beautiful, has a few flaws.

"I do not have a perfect body," she tells Modern Luxury magazine. "I'm always finding things I can work on, but I definitely

reached a point where I feel comfortable and happy with the way my body looks." Oh, good. I was worried. I mean, if she can't feel comfortable with how she looks, what hope do the rest of us have?

"I like to think I am a woman who is comfortable (with) and celebratory of my strengths and indulges in the qualities that make me feel beautiful," she says, apparently not done yet.

"I definitely am not one of those people that is constantly counting calories and doesn't allow myself to enjoy food — I love food. But I just try to be mindful of what I eat and be good to myself."

Now, if you'll excuse me, I'm going to go be good to myself with this deep-dish pizza.

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Trend

Adventure cruising

Time was, going on a cruise was something your parents did for their anniversary or when they retired. Nowadays, not only are cruises more family-friendly and more getaway oriented, they are also becoming more adventurous, with smaller ships now all the rage, sending thrill-seekers down jungle rivers, across glaciers and up the sides of cliffs. Polar bear photo ops? Poi-making classes? Grab a few friends and sign yourself up. Visit sites like AquaExpeditions.com, Un-Cruise.com, AdventureCanada.com and QuarkExpeditions.com to get inspired.

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How-to

Bring baby along for the ride

Maribel Cubillas, Baby Concierge at Grand Velas Riviera Maya, Mexico (velasresorts.com), has these tips on how best to travel with your baby:

1. Make a very detailed packing list (even if you don't think you need to), writing down everything from the basics to weather-appropriate clothes.
2. Resist the urge to pack the entire nursery. Resorts worth their salt will have larger items like high chairs, usually at no charge. Ask them before leaving home.
3. Pack more of things you likely won't be able to buy.
4. Take advantage of the babysitting services at your resort, so you can have at least one romantic dinner for two.

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Welcome fall with a few fun fests



ON THE MOVE

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There are a wide variety of fairs and festivals across the country celebrating the best that autumn has to offer.

British Columbia

The town of Agassiz, B.C. is holding its annual Fall Fair and Corn Festival the weekend of Sept. 12 and 13. Now in its 110th year, this quintessential fall fair — located an hour's drive east of Vancouver — typically attracts more than 10,000 people from across the province.

In addition to expected favourites such as the parade, midway and antique tractor pull there are some unique events such as the lawn mower races and the crowning of the Corn King and Queen.

Prince Edward Island

The Prince Edward Island Fall Flavours Festival runs from Sept. 5 through 28.



Nothing says fall like changing leaves, fairs and community festivals.

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Highlighting the tastes of the island, the festival is peppered with 10 signature events hosted by popular

Food Network personalities including chefs Lynn Crawford and local favourite Michael Smith.

alive with music.

From concerts and dances, to workshops and community suppers, the festival offers a range of events against the island's gorgeous autumn backdrop.

Among the artists participating this year: Natalie MacMaster, J.P. Cormier and Mary Jane Lamond.

In addition to the 46 concerts in the festival lineup, there are more than 200 community cultural experiences scheduled in every corner of the island.

Alberta

The Jasper Dark Sky Festival running from October 17 to 26 is an annual event celebrating Jasper National Park's Dark Sky designation.

The largest accessible dark sky preserve on earth offers amazing opportunities for stargazing and if you are lucky perhaps even a glimpse of the northern lights. This year's special guest Col. Chris Hadfield will be hosting a couple of the events throughout the festival.

Quebec

The 17 vineyards along Quebec's Brome-Missisquoi Wine Route are gearing up for a wine harvest festival from Sept. 13 through to Oct. 6.

Located near Dunham, Que., this up-and-coming wine region will offer visitors wine tastings, guided tours, and the opportunity to pick grapes with the winemaker. Accommodations and restaurants of the "Amis de la Route des vins" are on board with great deals and specially prepared dishes highlighting the area's regional flavours.

Nova Scotia

If you are more in the mood to sing and dance, consider a visit to Nova Scotia for the 18th annual Celtic Colours festival.

For nine days in October, Cape Breton Island comes

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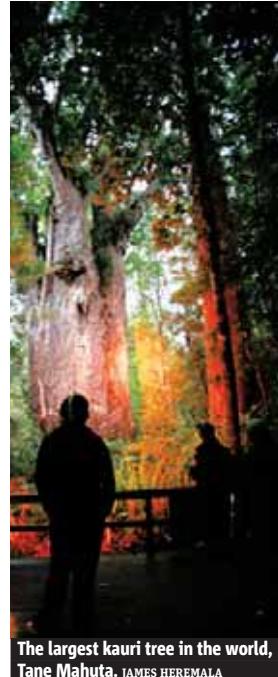
In his stout workboots and black oilskin duster, Bill Matthews looks more like sheep rancher than a Maori sage and storyteller. Yet, by the time he has collected me at the Copthorne Hokianga Hotel and we've arrived at a dizzying lookout over Hokianga Harbour near the tip of New Zealand's North Island, he has summoned the ancient world of the country's first peoples — his ancestors — and brought to life their legends of creation and conquest.

At the verge of the fabled Waipoua Forest — a primeval rainforest and sanctuary for the vast, native Kauri trees — twilight is now filtering through the silver ferns, symbol of New Zealand and as big as rooftops.

When we finally meet the forest celebrities, Te Matua Ngahere (Father of the Forest) and 2,000-year-old Tane Mahuta (Lord of the Forest), it's full dark, and Bill's stories of the Maori's journey from their mythical homeland of Hawaiki, their discovery of Aotearoa, the Land of the Long White Cloud, and even of how Tane Mahuta created the world seem as real as the nighttime calls of the tui and kiwi, and as divine as smouldering kauri resin.

Think of a spiritual journey, and you might first think of the mystical destinations of India or the Holy Land.

Increasingly, however, seek-



The largest kauri tree in the world, Tane Mahuta. JAMES HEREMALA



New Zealand's beauty can bring out the spiritual in visitors. Scan this image with your Metro News app to see pictures of a journey through New Zealand that's guaranteed to stir the soul. ERIC LINDBERG

ers of renewal, enlightenment and self-discovery are drawn to New Zealand — a land of epically ethereal landscapes, rich mythological history and soul-satisfying remoteness.

It's not surprising, really, that the misty ranges, bubbling hot springs and vast forests that were such inherently sacred sites for the Maori have, in more recent years, inspired and attracted pilgrims of all spiritual stripes.

"Being in the Southern Alps, on the shores of Lake Wakatipu, there is a real sense of spirituality and calmness," says Paula Ryan, co-creator of the new, 21-acre Aro-Ha Wellness Retreat near Queenstown.

Although it's been open less than a year and hosts a maximum of 20 guests at once, Aro-Ha is making international waves for its luxury accommo-

dation, rigour (paleo-based vegan cuisine) and permaculture (a focus on ecological, sustainable design).

At Aro-Ha, "every guest has a personal experience and they all leave feeling increased objectivity and more clarity," says Ryan.

In addition to mindfulness and other spirituality sessions, Aro-Ha focuses on nutrition and what it calls wellness adventures: sub-alpine hiking, strength training, kayaking and twice-daily yoga sessions.

Further north and overlooking New Zealand's most populous city, the Auckland Zen Garden offers an entirely different landscape, but a similarly contemplative experience, personalized for each guest.

Owner Johnny Leung, who designed the 75-acre Garden with

rippling streams, private lodges and contemplative walks in the ancient Kyoto style, says he wants guests to "feel close to the sky and heaven."

In addition to yoga and meditation sessions, a maximum of 14 guests take part in two- to four-day retreats complete with the services, if desired, of psychiatrists and "soul consultants," who guide individuals seeking to reset their priorities or make major life changes, says Leung.

Interestingly, one of Aro-Ha's guests used almost identical language: "Aro-Ha isn't a life saver; it's a life changer."

But Bill Matthews showed that quests for perspective, insight and priority aren't necessarily new. As we left Waipoua Forest, he leaned over, felt the ground for a kauri seed, and

presented it to me with a traditional ancient Maori message. "You are a seed. Even though you are small, you have value."

Maori Immersion

Museums, cultural centres and special events throughout New Zealand will give you a great introduction to Maori history and culture, but if you want to jump in feet first, check out Potiki Adventures.

The company is the passion and brainchild of Bianca Ranson of Waiheki Island, who started it 10 years ago when she was just 24 and has since won a clutch of awards for it.

Her aims: to further Maori traditions among Maori youth, and also to give Pakeha (non-Maori people) a hands-on experience of Maori activities, perspectives and spirituality.

If you go...

Dozens, if not hundreds, of spiritual retreats in New Zealand offer solace to almost every seeker. Just a few:

- **Wangapeka Study & Retreat Centre.** A Buddha-dharma retreat since 1975, it welcomes seekers from all spiritual backgrounds to meditation and study programs. wangapeka.org
- **The St. Francis Retreat Centre.** A ministry of the Franciscan Friars, it was built in 1939 and for the past 20 years has opened itself to people of different faiths for retreats, days of prayer and spiritual guidance.
- **Zen Institute of New Zealand (Mountains and Rivers Order).** Holds dharma discussions (mondo), meditation retreats (sesshin), workshops and public talks. mro.org/smri/newzealand/
- **The Anahata Yoga Retreat.** Dedicates itself to mindfulness and personal growth through a wide variety of yogic practices including Hatha, Jnana, Karma, Mantra, Satyananda, Mouna, Raja and more. anahata-retreat.org.nz

Guests stay in the Marae, a traditional ancestral meeting house, visit historical paa (power) sites and participate in activities such as flax weaving, poi-making and mau rakau (martial arts).

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Fresh tomatoes in salad spotlight

Grilled Chicken Panzanella Salad.

This dish makes a light dinner and allows you to switch up protein



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September is a great month to enjoy tomatoes in so many ways.

Cooking them up in a sauce or in a soup makes for easy meals, but one of my favourites is including them in salads. Putting together some family favourites creates a whole entree salad that everyone will love.

For this Grilled Chicken Panzanella Salad, my family prefers chicken thighs, but you can also use leftover chicken or turkey to speed up prep time.

If you are using leftover chicken or turkey, you will

need about three cups (750 ml) chopped or shredded.

You can also substitute three to four boneless skinless chicken breasts for the thighs. Grill them for about 12 minutes or until no longer pink inside.

1. Toss chicken thighs with 1 tbsp of oil, and sprinkle with half each of the salt and pepper. Place on greased grill over medium-high heat and grill for about 10 minutes, turning once or until juices run clear. Place on cutting board and chop.

2. Toss bread with remaining oil, salt and pepper and spread onto baking sheet. Toast in 400 F (200 C) oven for about 10 minutes or until bread is crispy and golden.

3. In bowl, combine tomatoes, cucumber, red and yellow peppers, onion, basil and capers, if using. Add chicken and bread; toss to combine.

4. Dressing: In bowl, whisk together vinegar, broth, garlic, mustard, salt and pepper. Drizzle over salad and toss well.

Ingredients

- 6 boneless, skinless chicken thighs (about 1 1/2 lbs/750 g)
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) each salt and pepper
- 4 cups (1 l) cubed crusty Italian bread
- 2 large tomatoes, chopped
- 1 English cucumber, sliced
- 1 each red and yellow pepper, chopped
- Half red onion, thinly sliced (optional)
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) fresh basil, coarsely chopped
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) capers, drained (optional)

Dressing

- 1/4 cup (50 ml) aged balsamic vinegar
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) sodium-reduced chicken broth
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tsp (5 ml) Dijon mustard
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) each salt and pepper

Let stand 30 minutes before serving.



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This recipe makes six servings. EMILY RICHARDS

Score a great job by getting organized

Feeling swamped?

Don't let a lack of order sabotage your job search. All you need is a few simple tools

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Job hunting can be stressful. Whether you are a new grad looking for a career or a student in search of a part-time job, it can be hard to keep your applications straight — and your motivation high. Getting your job search (and those applications) organized is a great way to avoid confusion and stay on top of important deadlines.

Use spreadsheets

If you're actively applying to different jobs, you may have trouble keeping track of all the information you're juggling.

To begin organizing your job search, start with a spreadsheet or a blank document.

In this document, create headings that include

Time to reflect

It's easy to get tunnel vision when you're trying to hatch your career. As you plan and organize your applications and key dates, set aside some time to review your progress.

the name of the place you applied to or contacted, the job title, the date you applied, who you applied to or how you applied, and any other important information as outlined in the job description. This spreadsheet will help you track everything pertinent to your job hunt.

Tip: Use this spreadsheet to save the descriptions of jobs you've applied to — you'll want that information to prepare for an interview.

Organize your applications As you apply for new jobs, it's important to keep all your resumes and cover letters in one place, and keep them organized.

If you get a call back for an interview, you want

to be able to bring copies of the cover letter and resume you submitted for the job. Create a folder on your computer, and within that, create a new folder for every new job you apply to. Label your files appropriately with the job title and company applied to.

Tip: This seems obvious to an organized person — but it's an important step many job-seekers overlook.

Use your calendar

If you have a lot of job search momentum, it's easy to get dates confused, or overlook relevant follow-up dates. Marking key dates on your calendar is the best way to streamline your applications. When you submit an application, make note of any relevant dates, particularly the expected closing date or time-frame for hearing back from the employer.

This step is crucial in making sure to follow up and reach out to recruiters in an appropriate time frame.

Tip: Some job descriptions clearly state to not follow up; make note of this.

Plan short- and long-term goals



Is the stress of job hunting getting to you? Organizing your applications — both digital and paper-based — can help you stay on track. ISTOCK

It's easy to get tunnel vision when you're trying to hatch your career. As you plan and organize your applications and key dates, set aside some time to review your progress and identify new goal-setting opportunities. It's good to

be prepared for unexpected setbacks, and having some key dates set aside as opportunities to rest and recharge is absolutely crucial to your continued success.

Tip: Planning your activities long-term will help

you stay motivated if you don't meet with immediate job-search success.

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As a special end-of-summer gift to our readers, Metro brings you the first chapter of *The Afterlife of Stars*, the newest book by award-winning author Joseph Kertes. Over the next three days, we will be introduced to the Beck brothers, two young boys grappling with the world around them as Russian tanks roll into Budapest during the final days of the Hungarian revolution. In **Part 2** of four, the Beck family has an encounter with Russian soldiers in their home.

The Afterlife of Stars

There was a pounding at the door, quite a commanding one, and we all looked out that way, as if to interpret what it meant. We followed my father into the vestibule and huddled behind him, except for my brother, who stood by his side. It was Attila who opened the door. A man, a soldier the size of a tree, stood outside. He had such an overgrowth of beard, he could have supplied a whole room of teenagers with all the tufts they needed. He barked something at us in Russian. The red star gleamed from his furry officer's cap. He barked something again, and Judit squeaked and held her stomach.

The tree man paused, but then he parted us and stepped up to Judit. He looked at her, gazed down at her belly, then bent down to listen there. No one knew what to do. He pointed a long brown finger at her abdomen. Andras looked ready to lunge at the Russian, and so did my brother behind him. Judit whimpered.

The man laughed as he straightened all the way up again. His mouth was like a jewel box, full of gold and glitter. He pushed past us and marched straight to our empire clock on the sideboard in the front room as if he knew where it was. We followed him, and he waited for us to gather. He pointed to the clock, circled his long brown finger a number of times past the twelve and motioned that we were all to leave. Then, to our relief, the officer marched out again and slammed the door.

"We have until three o'clock," our father said to us, "and then we have to be gone."

"For how long?" I asked him.

"We don't know," my grandmother said gently.

"For about two centuries," Attila said, "before we check back in with them."

"What do you mean?"

"They want us to get out," Andras said. "Not out of the country. We're not supposed to leave the country, not allowed, actually. We're just supposed to find other lodgings somewhere."

"But we're not doing that," Attila said.

"Be quiet," our father said.



One solitary picture still hung on the wall among the ghostly rectangles. It was a drawing done by my brother of a Spitfire fighter plane tearing through the skies ... Scan this photo with your Metro News app for a video of Joseph Kertes talking about his new book! ISTOCK

Judit whispered, "We can't leave now." I could hardly hear her.

"We have to," her husband said. "Now is our only chance. The Hungarian rebel army is rising up. There are breaks in the border. It's the only time."

"But Andras ..." our grandmother said, putting her arm around Judit.

My brother looked straight at me. "We're leaving," he insisted. "Forever. I told you — we're going west."

"Why can't we just get the Russians to like us instead?" I asked.

Attila shook his head. "Lambkin, you're not too bright." But my remark made Judit tear up. She embraced me and kissed me on the head before leaving with Andras.

The Russian was back within an hour, and he brought other soldiers with him, two women and one man. But the original one with the beard was obviously overseeing the proceedings. They moved through our home more like movers than invaders. They acted as if we weren't there. From the china cabinet, they gingerly removed Herendi porcelain cups, saucers and platters and a silver sugar box and teapot, wrapping them in cloth before placing them in

large canvas sacks. Attila and I watched from the sofa.

They took down the paintings one at a time, leaving rectangular blond ghosts in the gold wallpaper. The largest of these was called "Christmas, 1903." It depicted two old women dressed in dark coats and fur hats, one bent over a walnut secretary desk, writing a letter, the other looking out and down at us from the wall. Between them stood a potted Christmas tree on a table, festooned with bright ribbons and bangles and a star at the top. I always wondered why such a cheerful tree did not manage to spread its joy to the dark women in the parlor, who had most likely decorated it.

Now the women were gone, together with their tree. One solitary picture still hung on the wall among the ghostly rectangles. It was a drawing done by my brother of a Spitfire fighter plane tearing through the skies, spitting impressive bursts of fire. In the corner of the picture was the sun, and it too fired off spikes instead of rays of light. It was a sketch Attila had done in school, and our mother had had it framed in gold and hung over the gilded double-headed-eagle clock on the sideboard, which stood

willow. It was surrounded by impressionable trees, which also wanted to weep, so I gave them their own tears in many colors flying off the leaves. My classmate David thought the other trees might have been sweating after a run, but I explained my intent.

A year before, I had done another picture in crayon of sunflowers. It wasn't a field of sunflowers, exactly, but sunflower after sunflower, quite a few of them. My brother seemed to admire the picture. He said my flowers looked like the handiwork of God as a child, trying out designs for the sun. That wasn't my intent either. I don't know where that picture got to, exactly.

One of the Russian women carrying a canvas bag looked at the Spitfire twice as she passed by us. We watched her closely. She removed her snug army cap to reveal straw-colored hair tied back as tightly as the cap, giving her head the look of an onion. She paused by the drawing but moved on. The eagle watched with its four sharp eyes. On her third trip by, she picked up the eagle clock with a strong arm and wrapped it up like a mummy before bending over to make room for it in her heavy sack.

Attila watched the operation, kept glancing up at his own drawing in its precious frame, waited for her to leave our home with the sacks, and then tore off madly to our room.

I tiptoed to the dining room to see if the Russians had taken our bowl of rose cream chocolates. I cared less about the red crystal bowl than about the chocolates. They were still there. I wondered if it would be all right to sit at the table and steal a chocolate. I took a chance. I peeled the red foil wrapper off the delicacy and put it into my mouth whole, let its creamy sweet essence enjoy its new home. I didn't want to chew, to take a single bite. I put my cheek down on the cool surface of the dining room table. My grandmother had bought this table for my parents for their "wood" anniversary, she told me. She said it was made of walnut by Sebastyan Balaban, the famous furniture maker. He had told her it would last a

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guard over the room. The fierce-looking bird was the emblem of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

I had done a picture I knew my mother would like too, a watercolor, but it was still at school. My teacher, Mrs. Molnar, had hung it up where the photographs of Stalin and Khrushchev hung, but on the opposite side of the clock. My painting featured a weeping

thousand years. We had had it for eleven years, just 1.1 percent of its lifespan, meaning some nice Russian family could enjoy meals and chocolates off it for 989 more years. I took another chocolate to eat in my room and one for my brother.

But I had a second table to visit first. It was the round-topped pedestal table in the front room. It was the one I hid under when I was in turmoil. Made of heavy black maple and standing on beastly wooden lions' paws, it sat between two dainty ladies' lamps in all its manly glory. I ducked underneath. I wanted to sit in its darkness one last time. When I was much younger, I thought that this unlucky lion had grown a table-top instead of a head, but when my brother taught me the facts of life, I realized that a lion and a table had lain down together to make this child. I hoped it was the table that was the mother. I ran my fingers through the carved fur and the hard claws and said my goodbyes.

I heard something fall in the kitchen, but not a dish, because it didn't shatter. I jumped out and ran back to our room. I found my brother holding his june bug collection up to the light of the window before shelving it again. The collection had won him a science prize a couple of years back.

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Laval at No. 1

AUS football teams fail to crack CIS top-10 rankings

There wasn't a single CIS football team from Atlantic Canada listed in top-10 rankings released Tuesday.

The two-time Vanier Cup champion Laval Rouge et Or came in at No. 1 for the eighth time in the past decade, in what was the first poll of the 2014 season. Laval received all 30 first-place votes and 300 points total from the Football Reporters of Canada panel.

From second through 10th, the top-ranked teams are the Calgary Dinos, Western Mustangs, Montreal Carabins, McMaster Marauders, Manitoba Bisons, UBC Thunderbirds, Guelph Gryphons, Queen's Gaels and Saskatchewan Huskies.

The Acadia Axemen received 36 votes, while the Mount Allison Mounties garnered 20 votes, according to a Canadian Interuniversity Sport news release.

In pre-season action Saturday, the Axemen hosted the Saint Mary's Huskies, defeating the Halifax favourites 34-5 in Wolfville.

Saint Mary's University kicks off the regular season this Friday at home, taking on the St. Francis Xavier X-Men at Huskies Stadium. Game time is 7 p.m. METRO

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Nikolaj Ehlers inks deal with Jets

Entry-level contract.

Dashing Dane will attend Winnipeg training camp



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The Herd's "dashing Dane" inked his deal with the Winnipeg Jets on Tuesday, signing an entry-level contract worth an average of \$1.625 million annually over three years.

The second-year Halifax Mooseheads' winger was selected ninth overall in the 2014 NHL Draft in Philadelphia this past June.

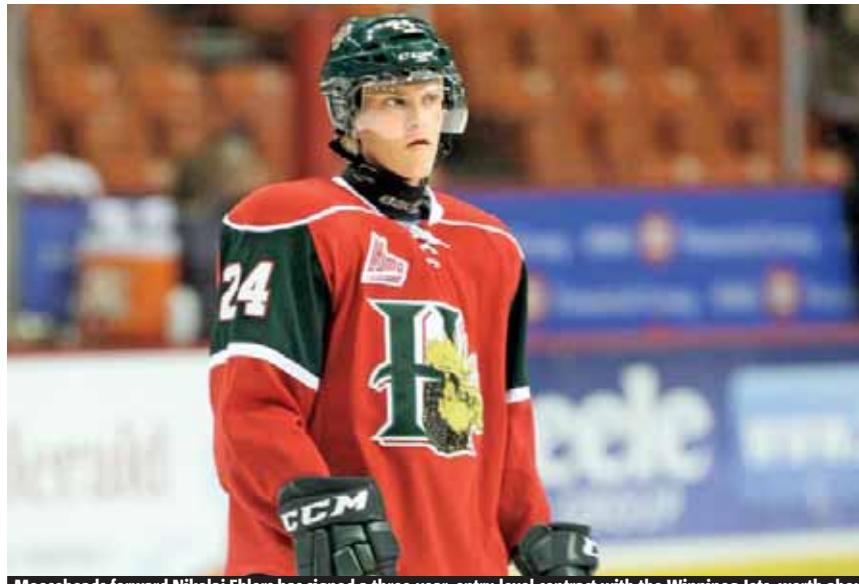
"It's a great sign of confidence on (the Jets') side to be signing Nick right away," Mooseheads' head coach Dominique Ducharme said Tuesday.

"I'm not surprised by that. It's some good news for him."

The quick-footed 18-year-old forward from Aalborg, Denmark, notched 49 goals and 55 assists for 104 points total in 63 games, in addition to 51 penalty minutes, during his first QMJHL regular season. He added 11 goals and 17 assists for 28 points in 16 playoff games.

The Jets can expect "speed" and "good vision on the ice" when Ehlers gets called up to Winnipeg, Ducharme said. "He finds the holes; he creates chances for himself with his speed, with his agility."

Ehlers, who was also named the Canadian Hockey League's



Mooseheads forward Nikolaj Ehlers has signed a three-year, entry-level contract with the Winnipeg Jets, worth about \$1.6 million annually. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Tweeted

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so we're just preparing ourselves to be ready on the 12th."

The Moose open the 2013-14 season Sept. 12 on the road against the Acadie-Bathurst Titan. But first, the Herd play their final pre-season game this Saturday, taking on the Screaming Eagles in Cape Breton.

After a few days off over the long weekend, they were back to daily practice and office training Tuesday at the Halifax Civic Centre.

"We're seeing improvement every day," Ducharme said, "and that's what we're looking for. Guys are working hard."

rookie of the year last season, will attend Jets training camp later this month.

Also going NHL camping are 19-year-old Herd netminder Zachary Fucale, who will take to the ice with the Montreal Canadiens, 19-year-old defenceman Matt Murphy, who will lace

up with the Ottawa Senators, and 18-year-old forward Daniel Moynihan, who was drafted by the Vancouver Canucks.

"That's part of junior hockey," Ducharme said of the annual process of losing key players, at least temporarily. "Other teams will have the same thing,

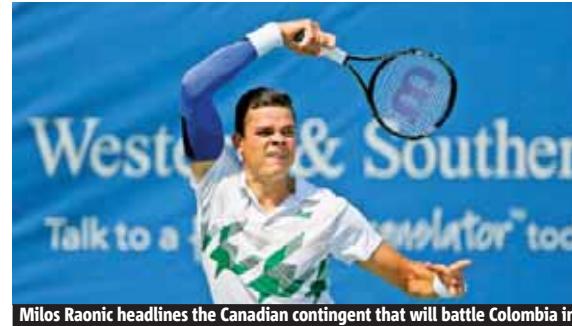
nice air conditioning."

Raonic went 5-1 in Davis Cup action last year to help lead Canada to the semifinals and at No. 6 is the highest-ranked Canadian singles player of all time. Canada started the season in the World Group for the third consecutive year, playing their first-round tie on the road in February against Japan in Tokyo.

But injuries to Raonic and Pospisil contributed to a disappointing 4-1 loss, forcing this match against Colombia to stay in the World Group. Canada enters as the favourite, ranked eighth in the world to Colombia's 26th.

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Raonic to lead Canada against Colombia



Milos Raonic headlines the Canadian contingent that will battle Colombia in a World Group playoff at the Davis Cup, coming to the Halifax Metro Centre from Sept. 12 to 14. ANDY LYONS/GETTY IMAGES

Pospisil to the team that will battle Colombia beginning Sept. 12 in Halifax.

"The conditions will be significantly different in Halifax," said Laurendeau. "We'll be playing indoors under some

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SPORTS

Jays batter Rays on road

MLB. Toronto lays lumber on Tampa in opener of 3-game set

Jose Reyes hit a three-run homer, R.A. Dickey gave up two hits in seven innings and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Tampa Bay Rays 8-2 Tuesday night.

Reyes' ninth home run broke a 2-all tie in the fourth inning and sent the Blue Jays to their third win in a row.

Danny Valencia also homered off Rays starter Jeremy Hellickson (1-3). Pinch-hitter Dioner Navarro added a two-run shot off Cesar Ramos in the eighth.

Jose Bautista's streak of homering in five straight

games ended, but he had two singles and an RBI for Toronto.

Dickey (11-12) gave up two runs, struck out six and walked three.

Dickey pitched at least six innings for the 13th time in 14 starts. Aaron Sanchez and Todd Redmond each pitched an inning of hitless relief.

The Rays got both of their hits and runs in the second. Yunel Escobar scored the second run on Kevin Kiermaier's sacrifice fly caught by Reyes, the shortstop, in short left field.

Reyes, who singled and scored in the third, had his 13th multiple-hit game in his last 29 games.

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The Blue Jays' Jose Reyes quieted the Rays with a three-run homer on Tuesday night in St. Petersburg, Fla. BRIAN BLANCO/GETTY IMAGES

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Alouettes GM Jim Popp on Michael Sam

Expanded rosters. Lawrie placed on 60-day DL as part of personnel shuffle

The Toronto Blue Jays have reinstated right-hander Brandon Morrow from the disabled list and shut down injured infielder Brett Lawrie for the rest of the season.

Morrow has been sidelined since May with an injured right finger and just finished a rehab stint in the minors. In his brief time with the Jays early in the season, he was 1-2 with a 5.93 ERA.

Lawrie, who has been dealing with an oblique injury since early August, was transferred to the 60-day DL to clear roster space. He's batting .247 with 12 home runs and 38 RBIs in 70 games this season.

The moves were part of a larger roster shuffle by the Jays on Tuesday.



Dalton Pompey
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Second baseman Ryan Goins, outfielder Anthony Gose, right-hander Kendall Graveman and left-handers Sean Nolin and Daniel Norris were recalled from triple-A Buffalo, while Canadians Dalton Pompey and George Kottaras had their contracts selected from Buffalo. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pending a physical. Cowboys ready to sign Sam to practice roster

The Montreal Alouettes will have to continue waiting for Michael Sam.

Both the NFL Network and ESPN reported Tuesday the defensive end is heading to Dallas for a physical with the Cowboys. If Sam passes, he'll join the NFL team's practice roster.

Sam is trying to become the NFL's first openly gay player. The 24-year-old was released Saturday by the St. Louis Rams and bypassed by the team for selection to its practice roster Monday.

Sam, a 2014 seventh-round pick by St. Louis, is on the Alouettes' negotiation list, giving them exclusive rights to the former Missouri star if he chose to play professionally in Canada.

Montreal GM Jim Popp said he has reached out numerous times to Sam's repre-

"He's a very good football player and someone who'd fit our system perfectly and fit into our league very well."

Alouettes GM Jim Popp on Michael Sam

sentatives but as of Tuesday hadn't heard back from them. Popp said he put the six-foot-two, 262-pound Sam on the Alouettes negotiation list because he believes Sam can be an effective player in the CFL.

"He's an outstanding pass rusher," Popp said during a telephone interview. "With his body type, he's a real true CFL rush end."

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2015 Honda Fit	Market position	Points	Safety features
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Type: Five-door, front-wheel-drive compact hatchbackEngine: 1.5-litre inline four-cylinder (130 hp)Transmission: Six-speed manual, continuously variable automatic (CVT)Base price: \$16,163, including destination fee	<p>Slight upscale position in compact hatchback segment, due to very flexible and large interior, afforded by unique centre-of-car positioning of gas tank. Seats fold in more permutations than a Swiss Army knife, to further expand the cargo-carrying possibilities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Built at a new plant in Mexico. Previous models imported from Japan or ChinaEasily the biggest and most flexible interior in its subcompact classEngine upgraded to direct-injection, DOHC and variable valve timing and durationRear-view camera and Bluetooth now standard features	An IIHS top safety pick (the only small car to achieve an Acceptable rating in the small overlap frontal crash test), six airbags, side-curtain airbags have rollover sensors, stability and traction control, hill-start assist, available LaneWatch display and a multi-view rear-view camera with guidelines.

Still funky but a better Fit

PHOTOS: MIKE GOETZ



Review. Honda's redesigned hatchback is less egg-shaped, boasts more power, features and leg room

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In the compact hatchback segment, the Honda Fit stuck out. Not quite like a sore thumb, because it's not ugly like a sore thumb. It's ugly more in an egg-shaped way.

Actually that's too harsh. Lots of people are okay with its odd look (including me, since we own a 2009 model).

That shape, combined with the unique positioning of its gas tank (underneath the driver's seat), helped it stick out some more — by creating the conditions for a cavernous interior for its size, and then by its so-called Magic Seat, which al-

lows owners to exploit that space to marvellous effect.

When it came time to design an all-new Fit for 2015, Honda stuck with the program — enhancing the theme of interior versatility, while updating several items that were lacking and/or not up to expectations.

There is not one carry-over part from the previous car. Credit Honda for making a small car as good as it can be without just upsizing the thing. The automaker still managed to increase the cargo volume to 1,492 litres. This was accomplished by stretching the wheelbase, flattening the gas tank, and various other measures.

Rear-seat legroom has been greatly increased, but at the expense of the rear cargo area.

When it came to engine tech, Honda threw the proverbial kitchen sink at this new 1.5-litre four-cylinder — direct injection, DOHC, high-end variable valve con-



Inside, the hard plastic bits have been replaced with softer materials.

trol systems, and even oil-jet piston cooling. It has more horses (130) and torque (114) yet manages to get better fuel efficiency than the engine it replaces.

Some of the efficiency credit has to go to the new transmissions. Here are the numbers: 8.8 L/100 km city and 6.4 highway for the 6-speed manual, and 7.0 city and 5.7 highway for the CVT.

The exterior style is less egg and more wedge, with a



Cargo volume has been increased, thanks to a longer wheelbase.



1 Ford Fiesta
Base price: \$16,059
Drives well, lots of standard and available kit, rear seat a bit cramped.



2 Kia Rio5
Base price: \$16,014
Rio5, and corporate cousin, Hyundai Accent, both offer good value and good looks.



3 Nissan Versa Note
Base price: \$15,865
Less technology in the engine and entertainment departments but gets the job done.

The interior is also several notches better. The hard plastic bits have been replaced by softer materials, and the whole cabin is rendered in an elegant, modern design. Notable new features include leather, navigation with 7-inch touch screen, rear-view camera, Bluetooth and LaneWatch.

In the transformation to a more grown-up and poised car, Fit lost some its teenage-like exuberance and simplicity, which made you want to drive it hard and fling it about.

But the 2015 Fit is more capable in every criteria, and easily one of the best small hatchbacks on the market.

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DRIVE

Shift: From hybrids, technology, new vehicles and the environment, to saving money at the pumps

Diesel sports car set to make tracks

The words diesel and sports car haven't often been linked in the minds of drivers, but new clean-burn diesel technology is changing that. Witness the recent global launch of the Trident Iceni, which it says is the world's fastest and most fuel-efficient diesel sports car. With a top speed of 320 km/h and the ability to run for 3,200 kilometres on a single tank of fuel, the Iceni uses torque multiplication technology to achieve its blend of speed, power and efficiency. Two new models were added in April: the Magna fastback and Venturer wagon. Prices start at \$160,000. **ALL STORIES AND PHOTOS FROM WHEELBASEMEDIA.COM**



The diesel-powered Iceni Magna claims to be the world's fastest and most fuel-efficient diesel sports car, with a top speed exceeding 320 km/h and the ability to run for 3,200 kilometres on a single tank of fuel.

BMW drives into new territory

Unlike BMW's 2 Series cars, which replace the outgoing 1 Series small cars, the Bavarian automaker's newly announced 2 Series Active Tourer is not just its first-ever front-wheel-drive model, but also its first to be powered by a three-cylinder engine. Designed to lay the groundwork for future front-wheel-drive models, writes technology magazine Gizmag, the Tourer shares many platform traits with Mini's next-gen Countryman model. (BMW owns the Mini brand.) The car will be similar in size to its Mini corporate cousin, but the Active Tourer "emulates many other design traits" from the wider tall wagon segment. The Tourer is to be launched in Europe this September and in other markets closer to 2015.



The 2 Series Active Tourer brings several firsts to the BMW brand.

Shift points

- Audi is reportedly developing four-cylinder engines that will run as smoothly as, and have the power of, its six- and eight-cylinder powerplants, with fewer emissions. Britain's Autocar magazine says the design uses a non-conventional layout that avoids the internal forces that make normal four-cylinders feel rough.
- The 2014 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance in California saw Jaguar unveil its prototype Car Zero, which is the first of the remaining six of the all-aluminum light-weight E-Types that were first announced in 1963. Eighteen Lightweights were scheduled for production, but only 12 were ever built.

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Driving Force. Nissan Leaf owners can connect with car online, and their cars can connect with them via email

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Most cars today will let you pair your phone to them, and then make or take calls to other people through the car's audio system. But there are a few vehicles that can also work the other way: Hook up your phone, and they'll call you.

One of these is the all-electric Nissan Leaf, which uses a telematics system called Carwings to receive and send information, which the driver accesses through a smartphone or dedicated website.

"The Leaf has a cellular connection," explains Preston Wong, development manager in the Connected Services department at Nissan Canada. "It uses that to connect to Nissan's data centre."

The Leaf reaches the data centre through the Rogers network to receive or forward information. Meanwhile, communication from the data centre to the car's owner goes out via the Internet. It doesn't matter what cell carrier the driver uses, as long as there's an Internet connection on the phone or laptop.

tion on the phone or laptop. Through the mobile app, the driver can see how much the battery is charged and how far the car will go on that charge, including variations for whether the climate control is on or off.

The car can even send an email or text message to its owner when charging is complete, or a warning if power has been disrupted to the charging outlet.

Some functions can be controlled through the phone, as well.

If the car has already been plugged in, the driver can use the app to delay charging until later in the evening when rates go down, or

App to communicate

- The Leaf was the first Nissan/Infiniti vehicle with a telematics system that connects to a data centre.
- The data centre is global, and all Nissan Leafs in the world use it for this type of communication.
- The app also shows how long it will take to charge the car, sends reminders if the car needs to be plugged in, and can connect the driver directly to roadside assistance.



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2006-10 Kia Rio

Personality: Value-Minded

The Draw: Rio delivers upscale driving feel and a whack of features for the money. Owners enjoyed peppy performance, great headroom and good mileage.

Test Drive: Watch

for "check engine" or "airbag" lights. If either or both are illuminated, determine why before buying. Other potential electronic issues include headlight or taillamp failure. Be sure the timing belt isn't overdue for a change, and if it is, budget for a replacement.

2006-13 Mini Cooper

Personality: Fun-Loving

The Draw: With a priority on fun-to-drive dynamics and exceptional fuel mileage, the Mini Cooper is frisky, thrifty, cheeky and stylish. Manoeuvrability and outward visibility are great, too.

Test Drive: Confirm oil level and condition on all models, and be sure frequent, on-time oil changes were carried out if turbocharged. Take the car to a mechanic for a pre-purchase inspection, asking for advice on a potential timing-chain issue in early turbo models, and to check the water pump for signs of leaks.



2005-10 Chevy Cobalt/Pontiac G5



Personality: Great Deal
The Draw: These corporate twins were available in coupe or sedan versions with numerous powertrains. Owners gave them top marks for steering feel, ride comfort and athletic performance. Higher-than-average reliability and lower-than-average resale value make Cobalt and G5 a great student buy.
Test Drive: Some suspension components have worn out prematurely,

so a good going-over by a mechanic is recommended. Your local GM dealership can check that all recall-related work has been performed. Be on the lookout for inconsistent performance from the steering, which could indicate a problem with the electric power steering system.

2006-11 Honda Civic



Personality: Reliable Sidekick
The Draw: Civic will appeal to students who like a sure bet, thanks to a decades-long reputation for reliability, durability and no-nonsense operation. Owners note great fuel mileage, plenty of space and storage, and a comfortable ride.
Test Drive: Listen to the suspension with the stereo and climate control off. A clunking or popping sound over bumps could

indicate a worn-out component or an improperly installed 'bump stop' in the suspension. Although very rare, some owners of early models in this generation have reported head-gasket issues, so confirm that no oil is being burned, and that there are no signs of oil in the engine coolant, or vice versa.

2004-09 Mazda3



Personality: The Athlete
The Draw: Noted for sporty performance, upscale looks and its flexible hatchback variant (top photo), the Mazda 3 delivers above-average driving pleasure and style. Driving dynamics and comfort are highly rated by most owners.
Test Drive: The audio display screen was known to fail over time, so be sure it's in proper working order. Note that tires are pricier on models with 18-inch wheels, so be sure

they're in good shape. Check for clutch slippage with the manual transmission, and hard shifting from the automatic. If either is apparent, investigate why. A trip to a mechanic may save you a pricey repair bill. Investigate carefully for rust, especially underneath the doors and around wheel-wells.

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♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

In recent weeks you've thrown yourself into life like there was no tomorrow but not even an Aries can keep going indefinitely. Slow down and get your world back into balance.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

This is one of the best times of the year to get things done, but the things you do must not be of a minor nature. Use today's Sun-Pluto contact to aim higher.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Make sure you know all the facts before getting involved in a feud. You may want to help but if you're unaware of what is really going on you may end up making it even worse.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Today's cosmic influences will smooth your path and make it easy for you to get from A to B with a minimum of fuss. Travel and social activities will go well for you over the next few days.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You need a favour from someone and because you're unsure what their reaction will be you aren't looking forward to it. They'll give you what you need.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Today's link between the Sun in your sign and Pluto in Capricorn means you're endowed with extra power. Go all out to get what it is you most desire.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You'll do best today if you make a conscious effort to shut out the world and create a mental and emotional bubble inside which everything is peaceful.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Social activities will bring you luck over the next 24 hours, so get out and impress. The more attention you get, the more you will accomplish.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Others may be winding down a but you must keep the tempo going and make sure you stay visible. There are big opportunities coming up, so make sure important people know you.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Actions speak louder than words and with Pluto in your sign activated by the Sun you'll be all action from the moment you awake to the moment your head hits the pillow.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You may be tempted to forget about your principles and do something underhand today but you are advised against it. You have a rep for honesty.

♓ Pisces

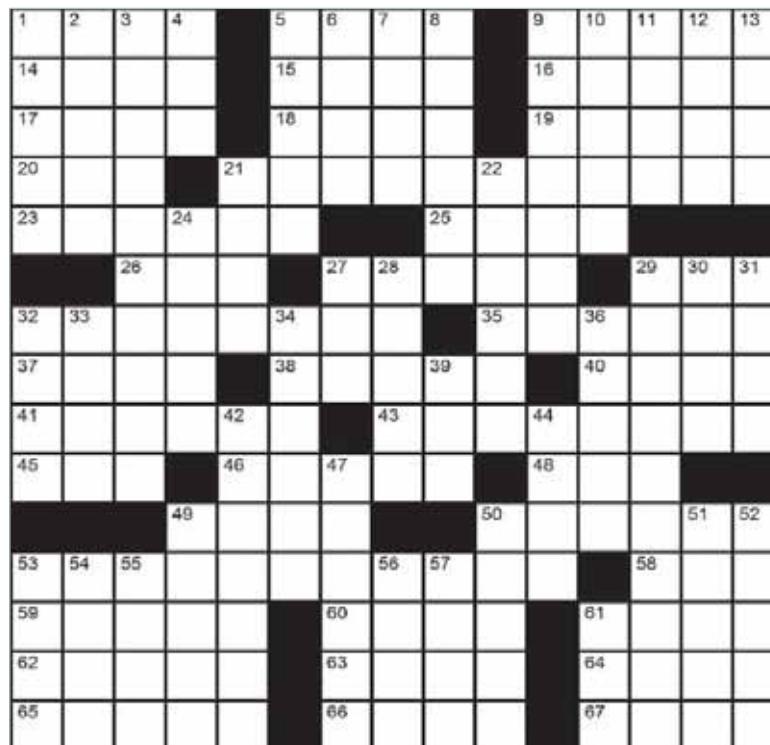
Feb. 20 - March 20

Make an effort to see things from another person's point of view today. You may be surprised to find that the way they look at the world is not that far away from your own.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

- Jill's hill pal
5. 27th US President
9. "A Place Like This": Current tune by Canadian duo ___ Jordan
14. Speck
15. Puccini aria: "___ Babbino Caro"
16. Satire
17. Boxes [abbr.]
18. Fall hue
19. ___ de menthe
20. Clod
21. American country singer whose 2014 album is called 'Storyline': 2 wds.
23. Cape Island link
25. 'The Art of Eight Limbs', ___ Thai
26. 17th Greek letter
27. Chicago choreographer
29. US univ.
32. Vegan's biker-look fabric
35. Shirt part
37. "Candid Camera" host Allen
38. Songstress Ms. Sande
40. "Let's go!"
41. Beauty treatment
43. Scottish ___ (Gig for the character Jamie Fraser in "Outlander")
45. Wee weekday
46. Gambles
48. Hearer
49. "Your time ___!"
50. "___ hotdogs!" (Ballpark shout)
53. Winnipeg boutiques-gourmet district: 2 wds.
58. Half a Teletubby
59. Curry powder ingredient
60. Ed Sheeran song
61. Spaghetti cheese, commonly
62. Singer Mr. Lopez
63. 'Persist' suffix
64. Ms. Hathaway
65. Glacial ice block
66. Actress Charlotte's
67. Raised flatland
68. Ed Sheeran song
69. Spaghetti cheese, commonly
70. Singer Mr. Lopez
71. 'September 1864 on the road to Canadian Confederation... 150th anniversary of the Charlottetown ___
72. Cdn. highway measures
73. Bruce Springsteen's "Born ___"
74. Thebes deity
75. Sylvester Stallone m.o.v.i.e. directed by Norman Jewison
76. Carved symbols
77. Broadcaster Mr. Williams (Trivia! One of MuchMusic's original VJs)
78. Range



3. September 1864 on the road to Canadian Confederation... 150th anniversary of the Charlottetown ___

7. 1978 Sylvester Stallone m.o.v.i.e. directed by Norman Jewison

51. Acquires

52. Newfoundland town

53. Performs

54. Remedy

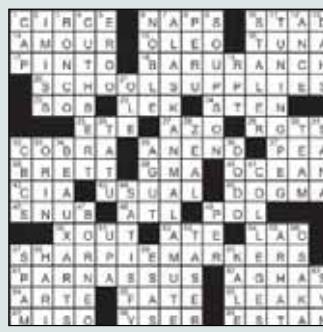
55. Mideast chieftain, variably

56. Canadian hardware store

57. Formerly

61. Cooking spray

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8	5	3	9	2	5	1	7	4
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3	9	7	4	8	6	2	1	5
6	8	2	1	5	3	4	9	7
9	7	1	5	3	8	6	4	2
2	3	6	7	4	1	5	8	9
4	5	8	6	9	2	7	3	1

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